

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

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This morning, President Bush called for an amendment to the United States Constitution banning same-sex marriage. However, laws governing marriage have always been a matter for the states to decide and, in fact, various states are grappling with this issue at this time. In California, Superior Courts have begun to consider the issue of same-sex marriage and the State Supreme Court will be asked to rule at the end of this week. Given these facts, an amendment to the United States Constitution is unnecessary and represents a diversion of precious time and resources that would be better used to address the more pressing issues facing our nation. Indeed, this issue does not rise to the level of a Federal constitutional amendment.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors express its opposition to an amendment to the United States Constitution that would have the effect of prohibiting same-sex marriages nationwide.

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